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Mr. Lester D. Johnson
Assistant Commissioner of Customs
Bureau of Customs
Washington, D. C., 20226

Dear Sir:

The following information is furnished pursuant to our telephone conversation of January 7.

When any person departs from the United States for Mexico, there is no record made of his departure except in the following instances:

1. An alien delivers his form I-94 or related immigration documents to an immigrant inspector upon his departure.

2. A narcotic violator or user registers with a customs officer as required by 18 USC 1407.

Normally the volume of departures through most of the Mexican border ports would make the maintaining of departure records prohibitive.

There are no records maintained of persons entering the United States except in the following instances:

1. The U. S. Public Health Service vaccinates an entrant into the United States for smallpox; he signs a general log maintained by that service and is issued a certificate of vaccination valid for three years. However, if he has a valid certificate of vaccination, there is no record made of his entry.

2. The U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service has a record of persons referred to that service for the issuance of entry documents.

3. The U. S. Customs Service has a record of those persons making a written declaration or those found in violation of customs laws or involved in other customs proceedings.

4. A record is made of all persons entering the United States from Mexico by private aircraft.

The Mexican Government maintains no records of entry into Mexico from the United States except in the following instances:

1. A United States citizen or other alien to Mexico proceeding to the interior of Mexico must obtain a Mexican temporary immigration visa.

2. The owner or operator of a vehicle or aircraft entering Mexico must obtain a temporary entry permit.

A person could make numerous entries into and departures from the United States each day on the Mexican border and never become of record.

Mr. Kline will return to this office within a few days and will furnish you the memorandum you requested relating to Lee Harvey Oswald.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ORAN G. PUGH

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